

Swallenia alexandrae (Swallen) Söderstrom & Decker



Common Name: Eureka Valley Dune Grass

Family: Poaceae (Grass Family)

Synonyms: None

Federal, State, & CNPS

Status: Endangered, Rare, List 1B-Threatened/Endangered

Diagnostic Characters: A coarse perennial grass often forming tufts more than a meter wide; stems are woody at the base and commonly clipped by rabbits. Flowers from April to June.

Global Distribution: Endemic to Death Valley National Park (DEVA), Inyo County.

DEVA Distribution: Eureka Valley

Habitat: Sand dunes at 900-

1280 m (2950-4200 feet) elevation.

DEVA Look-alikes: Big galleta grass (*Pleuraphis rigida*) is found in sandy soils in the Funeral Mtns. and is not woody at the base.



Remarks: Mature plants are hardy, but seedlings are susceptible to human trampling.

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